REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 June 1997
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	MASTER; Canon, 2nd Disc; Chance 7 (Repeated): 9 Defiance; 10 Hospital; + Severus Chronicle
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	3.5" Floppy Computer Disk
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The 3½" computer disk *Untitled*, which is also known as, *MASTER; Canon, 2nd Disc; Chance 7 (Repeated): 9 Defiance; 10 Hospital;* + *Severus Chronicle,* is classified as: Objectionable.

An objectionable classification is given because the disk supports criteria under s3(2)(a) and s3(2)(b), and tends to support criteria under s3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act).

The disk supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes as a result of text which exploits the youthful characteristics of young persons in a sexualised context. Furthermore the publication presents young people being exploited by caregivers. This adds another dimension to the abuse inherent in the exploitation.

The Classification Office also finds that the disk supports the use of violence to compel persons to submit to sexual conduct. The priest in *EvilMonk* performs acts of torture and cruelty against his victims in order to train them into submissive, subordinate roles for ease of future victimisation. The rape of a 14 year old girl is described in salacious detail. The titillatory and gratuitous manner of the descriptions of forced sexual conduct means the disk has a tendency to support violence toward another person as a valid means to achieving sexual acquiescence.

Gratuitously detailed descriptions of acts of torture, acts of extreme violence and extreme cruelty, and descriptions of victim suffering are presented in a sexualised context for reader titillation. An example is the description of an ejaculation over the bound, agonised, and bleeding body of his victim. The intentionally titillatory nature of the descriptions results in a tendency by the disk to support acts of torture, and the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in relation to the material on the disk. The disk either supports or tends to support criteria under s(3)(2) of the FVPC Act and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. Section 3(2) of the FVPC Act takes precedence over s14 of the NZBR Act and so no further consideration need be given to s14.

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